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- 1. AS THE QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING THE COMMERCIAL SECTION IS REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON (REFTELS), THE EMBASSY URGES THAT THE FOLLOWING BE KEPT IN VIEW. VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE AMERICAN STAFF OF THE COMMERCIAL SECTION AND TRADE CENTER IS TO BE ROTATED OUT OF STOCKHOLM WITHIN THE PERIOD OF MAY-JULY. THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AND THE PLANS AND RESEARCH OFFICER ARE SCHEDULED FOR REASSIGNMENT IN JULY, JUNE, AND MAY RESPECTIVELY. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE STOCKHOLM TRADE CENTER, RICHARD RICE, GS-14, AND TRADE PROMOTION OFFICER, JOSEPH O'BRIEN, PRESUMABLY WILL BE REASSIGNED WITH THE CLOSING OF THE CENTER.
- 2. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AT LEAST THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AND ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE BE REPLACED ON AN OVERLAP BASIS. THIS IS NOT TO INDICATE THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED STAFFING PLAN IN REFTEL B AS WE CONTINUE TO URGE THE ACCEPTANCE OF OURPLAN (REFTEL A) WHICH FORMS PART OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CURRENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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